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before they have learned to employ them. But, it must be earnestly maintained, this generous creed has no lasting root except in the principles and prepossessions which it shares with, or has derived directly from, the gospel. The contest of science and democracy is no idle paradox, no academic antithesis. It pervades and confuses modern thought and modern endeavor. It gives rise to eager and spasmodic efforts after individual interest, at the conquest of the mass through the reclaimed units which compose it. And, after these intermittent attempts, it compels the disheartened reformer to sink back again into hopeless apathy, surrendered to currents which set in an unknown direction; or to take refuge in the feverish ineffectiveness of legislation, which must always remain "outside," and in a measure hostile. Belief in human nature, in the priceless worth of the person and his immortal destiny, in the abiding solicitude of God for the meanest and most depraved, in the sense of worth and steady though slow advance toward full membership of the kingdom—in these thoughts, as we believe, indispensable to any happy life among Western nations, in these "ventures of faith," our heritage from the past and our hopes for the future, the gospel and the churches can reinforce the flagging interest and can put life into the dismayed outlook. Christian belief and the welfare of society are one."

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ROMAN PRIVATE LAW. By R. W. Leage. London: Macmillan & Co. Pp. 400.

The object of Mr. R. W. Leage's volume on "Roman Private Law" is stated in the preface to be the meeting of a want, experienced by the author himself in teaching, for "some book which is content to give, as simply as possible, the subject-matter of the 'Institutes' of Gaius and Justinian, following, in the main, the original order of treatment." The book becomes thus an English paraphrase of the "Institutes" with a useful historical introduction on the sources of Roman law and occasional amplification by reference to the other parts of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*. This plan involves a great deal of very convenient simplification in the statement of the law. It does not involve anything more

than the most cursory criticism of the arrangement of the Institutes with its multifarious cross divisions, or any re-statement of the law from a modern standpoint, and with the modern emphasis on the "law of things" rather than on the "law of persons." Nor, unfortunately, does the plan always involve a facing of the difficulties, often of great juristic importance, unsettled in the "Institutes." Mr. Leage's paraphrase, for instance, leaves as uncertain as does the "Institutes" itself the exact position of the *peculium*, or the time when and the manner in which arose the practice of masters giving slaves their liberty in exchange for their *peculium* in face of the original right of appropriating the *peculium* at any time without releasing the slave. But apart from these occasional instances of too literal adherence to his originals and within the limits set by himself, Mr. Leage is admirably clear and simple.

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**SUGGESTION IN EDUCATION.** By M. W. Keatinge. London: A. & C. Black.

**GERMAN EDUCATION, PAST AND PRESENT.** By Professor F. Paulsen. Translated by T. Lorenz, Ph. D. London: T. Fisher Unwin.

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